

Buckden Parish Council News

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Jubilee celebrations were a great success across the village. Events started with the Beacon lighting on Thursday evening. Thanks to Overloaded who designed and manufactured the Beacon, to Chris Bylett and Angel Voices for leading the singing and to the Village Club for supporting the event.

Royaltea at the Towers on Friday was attended by a large number of residents of all ages. The Royal themed dress parade was wonderful, and the cake competition produced some fantastic contributions. Thanks to all those at the Towers for their amazing organisation. Particular thanks to Tizzy Pape for all she did organising the various competitions and designing the posters and leaflets.

On Saturday a tea party was held in the Village Hall for the older residents of the village. More than 80 people attended. Thank you for the wonderful tea provided by Sue McGrath from the Vine and to all those who helped to make this such a success. Thanks to the Village Hall and to the Village Club for supporting the event.

The bunting designed by children from Buckden School was used to decorate both the Towers and the Village Hall.

Despite dreadful weather on Sunday several very successful street parties were held.

Road Closures

Numerous road closures are being undertaken during June and July particularly on the A1 and at the Roundabout. Full details are available on the web site.

Cycle racks

By the time you read this the village hall stands should be in place. Further cycle racks are planned for the High St.

Vacancies

We have three vacancies for Parish Councilors. We still need more capacity on the council to take forward a variety of initiatives to improve the village. Please join us. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details.

Annual Assembly

This took place on 17th May, and was very well attended. Thank you to all presenters.

Council Meetings

Please note that in future our monthly meetings will begin at 7pm instead of 7.30pm.

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 12th July. The meeting will include a 15-minute open forum. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us know what you want to say, by contacting the Parish Clerk. You will get a three-minute slot.

The Council Planning Committee will also meet if required. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

Office opening hours

The Clerk is operating flexibly between the office and home. If you wish to meet with the Clerk, please call on 01480 819407.

All of the papers and reports for Council Meetings are available on the Thursday before meetings on Council website www.buckdenpc.org.uk. This provides the opportunity to see the agenda, reports of work carried out by the Council as well as reports from out County and District Councillors. Any questions or comments on this report should be addressed to the Parish Clerk at: Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Rd, Buckden, PE19 5UY. Telephone 01480 819407 Email: clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk.

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The Jubilee Beacon

The Jubilee Beacon was designed and created by a local organisation Overloaded. The beacon was lit on Thursday 2nd June at the Recreation Ground and will be permanently based in the Towers. At the Parish Council we were very impressed by their ethos and operation. Read about them, in their own words, below.

At Overloaded we believe in an inclusive world, . supporting young people to build confidence and succeed. We also recognise there are many barriers to achieve educational and personal goals. With over seventeen years teaching and specialist experience Rachel Temple and her growing team specialise in children on reduced timetables or at risk of exclusion, Information and Guidance (IAG), Special Education Needs (SEN), Looked after Children (LAC), Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH), Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP).

Offering bespoke timetables to support young people with barriers to education, offering tuition, 1:1 sessions, group sessions, job coaching, wellbeing sessions, parental support, Strategic Support, EHCP guidance and Positive Support Planning.

The learning and sessions provided is bespoke and focuses on how a young person will engage, this involves creative thinking, lots of sensory and practical activities and a different environment to school. Life skills and confidence building are a key focus. Examples of activities include running an online and physical shop in Fishers Yard, St Neots, making items to sell, fitness sessions, bike repair sessions, upcycling, fishing and community awareness; all of these embed the Maths and English skills young people need to gain employment or transition back into school. More recently the young people at Overloaded have been involved in designing a Beacon for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, this involved researching, designing and working with local craftsmen to produce a sustainable Beacon made from recycled products.

We also provide an outreach team that works with young people in schools, supporting them academically, emotionally and strategically. Overloaded currently works with young people from Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, managing local authority referrals and private referrals.

For more information do not hesitate to contact us on: info@overloadedsupport.com 01480 774775

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